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MEMORANDUM

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To: The Governing Board

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From: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, ASLA (Hon), Executive Officer

Subject: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing participation in the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority and appointment of a new Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority representative to serve on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing participation in the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority and appointment of a new Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) representative to serve on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Background: The San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority contacted WCCA staff to inquire whether WCCA would like to appoint a new representative for the volunteer Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Participation in the Stakeholder Advisory Committee requires that WCCA sign the participation agreement. There is no financial cost for WCCA to participate.

The San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority has been established between the County of Los Angeles, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, and the Central Basin Municipal Water District to facilitate the planning, development, construction and operation of the San Gabriel River Discovery Center. A substantial portion of the Puente-Chino Hills wildlife corridor is located within the San Gabriel River watershed.

At the July 2, 2003 WCCA meeting, the WCCA Governing Board considered becoming a stakeholder. At the March 3, 2004 WCCA meeting, the Governing Board authorized participation in the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, and nominated WCCA Advisory Committee member, Roland vom Dorp, as the representative. At the January 26, 2006 meeting of the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority, the Stakeholder Committee was ratified, including WCCA as one of the participants.

Mr. Vom Dorp is no longer able to serve on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee. The new WCCA representative could be a volunteer from the WCCA Advisory

Committee or Governing Board, or could be a Governing Board Alternate. The next Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2007. Meetings are every other month on the first Thursday from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm at the Upper San Gabriel Municipal Water District Offices in El Monte.

Tonight's action would be two-fold. The attached resolution authorizes WCCA to appoint a new representative to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, if someone volunteers (e.g., a WCCA Advisory Committee member, Governing Board member, or Governing Board Alternate). It also authorizes WCCA to sign the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Stakeholder Participation Agreement. It would be appropriate for WCCA to adopt a resolution to formalize this action, as WCCA's previous actions did not involve a formal resolution, and there is a new participation agreement. The participation agreement, a list of participants, and additional background materials are attached.